

COMMISSION MINUTES
October 13, 2025

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this thirteenth day of October 2025. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Ralph Brown, and Greg Jensen in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. County Attorney Casey Jewkes, Executive Director Malcolm Nash, and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Johnson reviewed a letter of support for a program sponsored by the Utah State Extension for their Skyward Program, promoting mental health and wellness for youth in our area. The Commission agreed to offer the letter of support, noting there would be no financial support.

Commissioner Jensen reported on meetings he had attended at the One Utah Conference where they discussed the economic happenings in the State and southern Utah. He said that part of the discussions centered on the Wildland Urban Interface activities (HB48) and the issues it is causing for people with homes and cabins that may fall within the WUI map as far as insurance. He also said that the fees have not been determined or discussed and the map is not yet in place.

He then reported on the Seven County Coalition meeting, noting that they are still waiting on the Court of Appeals to act on a review from the Supreme Court on projects they have planned.

Minutes of September 22nd and October 6th meetings approved:

Minutes of the September 22nd Commission Meeting and the September 22nd and October 6th Worksessions were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Payment Approval Report for September approved:

The Payment Approval Report for the month of September was reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Resolution 2025-10-1 adopted:

The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2025-10-1 appointing a Sevier County representative, and alternate representative, for the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool annual meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall as the representative and HR Director Craig Blake as the alternate, and adopt Resolution 2025-10-1, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of personal property items that were recommended to be surplussed. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to declare the items surplus and authorize their disposal as indicated, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

New Hires approved to fill vacant positions:

HR Director Craig Blake then recommended the hiring of three individuals to fill vacant positions in the County. He recommended Tristin Armstrong as a full-time AEMT, Grade 13 at \$21.60 per hour beginning September 8, 2025; Hailey Christensen as a full-time Paramedic, Grade 15 at \$23.55 per hour beginning September 22, 2025; and Ty Blackburn as a full-time Deputy Sheriff Recruit in the jail, Grade 15.2 at \$23.55 per hour beginning October 8, 2025. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the new hires as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Amendment to Civic Plus Archive Social Agreement approved:

The Commission then reviewed an amendment to the agreement with Civic Plus for social media archiving services to upgrade from the Economy Plan to a Standard Plan. Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall and Tourism Director Amy Myers explained that this program is required to maintain records and history of our social media accounts and we are adding additional Facebook pages for our trails, etc. which requires upgrading to the Standard Plan. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve amending the agreement with CivicPlus as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

ELEV8 Partner Agreements signed:

Tourism Director Amy Myers then reviewed with the Commissioners four agreements with ELEV8 Utah and participating businesses throughout the Sevier County Area, and working with the Product Development Program. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the ELEV8 Participating Partner Agreements with the Utah Office of Tourism, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Commissioner Jensen then moved to recess the Commission meeting for Board of Equalization, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Board of Equalization convened:

At 1:53 p.m., the Board of Equalization convened. Those present included: Commissioner Ralph Brown, Commissioner Greg Jensen, Commissioner Scott Johnson, Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall, County Attorney Casey Jewkes, Assessor Terri Hartle, and Executive Director Malcolm Nash.

Assessor Hartle then reviewed the minutes of the meeting with the Hearing Officer, noting the recommendations that the Hearing Office had made for those who appeared in person, as well as those who did not wish to appear. She reviewed the stipulations that had been signed as well. The total of the adjustments that were recommended totaled approximately \$3,293,684 of taxable value.

Ms. Hartle also reviewed a list of properties requiring Assessor Adjustments, mostly changing from Non-Primary to Primary, basement completion, etc. The adjustments show a decrease of approximately \$2,059,744 of taxable value.

Assessor Hartle then reviewed a list of the parcels that had been affected by the Monroe Canyon Fire in the Closure area. Discussion followed concerning the proposal to adjust the value of the

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cabins and the land by 25% of the value, with the burned cabins being adjusted by 50% due to lack of use during the fire or loss during the fire. This will also decrease the total collection of taxes by approximately \$114,110. There was not a large adjustment from the fire because a lot of parcels are on greenbelt, and the County is unable to adjust the value on those parcels.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the market adjustments and tax adjustments as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Board of Equalization was then closed at 2:00 p.m.

Date and Time for Public Hearing to consider new zone set:

The Commission then discussed setting a date and time for a public hearing on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 1:45 p.m. to consider amending the Sevier County Code Chapter 154 Zoning to allow for the addition of the Brooklyn Zone. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen motioned to set the date and time for the public hearing, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Executive Director Nash reported that this zone will mostly be in the Elsinore Addition area, and listed the changes that are being recommended for that zone, which would allow for homes other than mobile homes in that area. Discussion followed that it would improve the zoning in that area and give the Zoning Department a way to manage what is being built in that area.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.